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SUBJECT: FILMED INTERVIEW WITH MR. KUBISCH BY YOLANDA
SANCHEZ

1. MISS YOLANDA SANCHEZ CONDUCTED 7-8 MINUTE FILMED
INTERVIEW WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH MAY 31 FOR
MEXICAN TELEVISION PROGRAM "VEINTICUATRO HORAS", CHANNEL
8. DATE OF TELEVISIONING NOT YET KNOWN, BUT PROBABLY WILL
BE CIRCA JUNE 5 OR 6. WE WILL ADVISE DATE WHEN KNOWN.
FYI MG. KUBISCH HAD AGREED TO GIVE BACKGROUND, UNFILMED
INTERVIEW, BUT AGREED TO ON CAMERA INTERVIEW WHEN SANCHEZ
APPEARED WITH FILM CREW. END FYI QUESTIONS AND SUMMARY
OF ANSWERS FOLLOWS.

2. A) Q. COULD YOU EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF DR.
KISSINGER'S NEW POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA?

A. SOON AFTER HIS APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY OF STATE
MR. KISSINGER MADE A MAJOR STATEMENT OF US INTENTION TO
MAKE A NEW EFFORT TO REVITALIZE ITS RELATIONS WITH LATIN
AMERICA. THE THRUST WAS TO SETTLE MAJOR, EXISTING DIS-
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PUTES AND TO DEVISE NEW MECHANISMS WHEREBY FUTURE DISPUTES

COULD BE PREVENTED OR KEPT FROM DISRUPTING RELATIONS.
THAT INITIATIVE LED TO MEXICO CITY AND WASHINGTON MEETINGS
OF FOREIGN MINISTERS AND WAS FURTHER DEVELOPED IN ATLANTA
MEETING OF THE OAS.

B) Q. WHAT DOES SECRETARY KISSINGER HOPE TO
ACCOMPLISH?

A. TO ACHIEVE A GREATER UNDERSTANDING IN US
RELATIONS WITH LA; WE RECOGNIZED THAT WITH THE EVENTS
DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS WHICH HAD OCCUPIED THE US
ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD THERE WAS SOME FEELING THAT
THE US HAD NOT GIVEN SUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO ITS RELA-
TIONS WITH LA. THERE WAS SENTIMENT TO DEVOTE MORE
ATTENTION TO MATTERS IN THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL
FIELD AND ALSO FEELING THAT PERHAPS THE OAS OUGHT TO BE
MODERNIZED.

C) Q. WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SPIRIT OF
TLATELOLCO AND WHAT HAS BEEN MEXICO'S ROLE IN DEVELOPING
IT?

A. MR. KUBISCH SAID HE WAS FULL OF ADMIRATION FOR
THE WAY MEXICO HAD CREATED THE ENVIRONMENT FOR MEXICO
CITY MEETING AND SAID SPIRIT OF TLATELOLCO DEVELOPED
THERE HAD PERVADED SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS (IA-ECOSOC IN
QUITO, WASHINGTON, ATLANTA). HE LAUDED GOVERNMENT AND
PEOPLE OF MEXICO FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT.

D) Q. WHAT CAN BE DONE TO STRENGTHEN US-MEXICAN
RELATIONS?

A. MR. KUBISCH NOTED HIS SPECIAL AFFECTION FOR
MEXICO, HAVING SERVED THERE, AND EXPRESSED OPINION
THAT RELATIONS ARE QUITE GOOD AND VERY CLOSE. HE CITED
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BOUNDARY TREATY, SALINITY SETTLEMENT,
ARTIFACTS TREATY AND POINTED TOWARD FORTHCOMING VISIT
OF UNDER SECRETARY GALLASTEGUI AS HEAD OF MEXICAN DELE-
GATION TO MIXED COMMISSION ON S/T. ALSO CITED IPC
WHERE PARLIAMENTARIANS DISCUSSED ALL THE HARD PROBLEMS
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BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

E) Q. THEN BETTER UNDERSTANDING BROUGHT ABOUT BY
DIALOGUE LEADS TO BETTER RELATIONS?

A. PROBLEMS OFTEN ARISE OUT OF A LACK OF UNDER-
STANDING; WITH FREQUENT AND HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATION,
THE POSSIBILITIES OF PREVENTING PROBLEMS FROM ADVERSELY

AFFECTING RELATIONS ARE MUCH BETTER.

F) Q. ARE US-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS HEADED FOR
BETTER UNDERSTANDING IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD?

A. THEY UNQUESTIONABLY ARE, ALTHOUGH PROBLEMS
(TRANSNATIONALS, INVESTMENT) SHOULD NOT BE MINIMIZED.
IT NO LONGER IS POSSIBLE TO LIVE IN ECONOMIC ISOLATION,
WHICH WAS LESSON OF RECENT ENERGY CRISIS. WE ARE
PREPARED TO SETTLE SPECIFIC DISPUTES (SUCH AS THOSE
WITH PERU AND ARGENTINA) AND TO WORK IN SPIRIT OF GOOD
WILL AND OPEN-MINDEDNESS TO WORK OUT PRINCIPLES WHERE-
BY GREATER UNDERSTANDING IN ECONOMIC SPHERE CAN BE
ACHIEVED. KISSINGER

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